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TRADE THROUGH KANDLA PORT AND AHMEDABAD AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decline in the percentage of foreign trade carried out from Kandla Port and Ahmedabad Airport in the year 1999-2000 as compared to that of 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to boost up this contribution?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : There has been no decline in foreign trade at Ahmedabad Airport in 1999-2000 as compared to 1998-1999. As regards Kandla Port, while the foreign trade has grown in volume terms it has declined in value terms during 1999-2000 as compared to 1998-1999.

(b) : Ahmedabad airport handled 4698.73 tonnes of cargo in 1999-2000 valued at Rs. 840744 lacs as compared to 4234.10 tonnes valued at Rs. 691976 lacs in 1998-1999, showing an increase of 10.98% in volume terms and 21.5% in value terms. While the Kandla Port handled 38.10 Million Tonnes in 1999-2000 as compared to 35.65 Million Tonnes in 1998-1999, signifying an increase of 9% approx, the value of cargo handled at Kandla Port was Rs. 1065130 lacs in 1999-2000 as compared to Rs. 1286365 lacs in 1998-1999, showing a decline of 17.2%. No specific reasons can be attributed to the decline in foreign trade at Kandla Port in rupee terms.

(c) Does not arise